की यात्रा पर जाने की संभावना है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस यात्रा के दौरान किन-किन विषयों पर बातचीत होगी और समझौते किए जायेंगे ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर०एल० भाटिया) : (क) और (ख) बांगलादेश के प्रधान मंत्री के निमंत्रण पर हमारे प्रधान मंत्री बांगलादेश की यात्रा कब करेंगे, इस बारे में अभी विचार चल रहा है। अतः इस मौके पर क्या बातचीत होगी और क्या समझते होंगे यह अभी नहीं कहा जा सकता ।

Expenditure on a litigation case in London

2796. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have achieved a unique success in London recently when it had to spent Rs. 2.5 crores to save Rs. 15 lacs in a litigation case;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Finance had allowed this;

(c) to what extent the Ministry of Exernal Affairs was allowed to spend such huge amount; and

(d) whether any investigation has been carried out by Government with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (d) Litigation referred to was not entered into by Government. The litigation was initiated by a firm of solicitors in the UK against a Government Department and four public sector undertakings. Every effort was made by the defendants to settle the matter amicably out of Court. In this regard, the Indian High Commission in London extended advice and assistance. When these efforts failed litigation became inevitable, and the case defended by the parties concerned.

Pak resolution of the Human Rights Conference

2797. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan tabled a resolution at the 53-Nation Human Rights Conference in Geneva;

(b) if so, what was the response of other nations to the resolution on sending a fact finding mission to Kashmir; and

(c) what was the outcome of the Pak resolution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Other member States of the UN Commission on Human Rights did not support the Pakistani resolution.

(c) Pakistan unilaterally and unconditionally withdrew the resolution.

Redressal of grievances of foreign companies in Germany

2798. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Embassy in Germany has not been replying to different complaints of some foreign companies in Germany;

(b) whether Government would take appropriate steps to redress the grievances of German companies; and

(c) if so, what are the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Complaints of a commercial nature are basically for the parties concerned to resolve between themselves. Wherever necessary, Government uses what good offices are possible to facilitate a resolution of such differences.

Agreement with Tajikistan

2799. SHRI SYED SIBTY RAZI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some agreements on economic trade, commercial; banking, culture and sports have been signed with Tajikistan in 1993;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any follow up action has been taken to implement these agreements; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) (a) Yes Sir.

(b) In 1993 following agreements on subjects mentioned in part (a) of the Question were signed:

(i) Agreement on economic and technical cooperation between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on 15th February, '93 in New Delhi.

(ii) Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on cooperation in the spheres of culture, arts, education, science, mass media (including cinematography) and sports on 15th February, '93 in New Delhi.

(iii) Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on trade and economic cooperation on 15th February, '93 in New Delhi.

(iv) Agreement on cooperation between the commercial bank for foreign economic activity of the Republic of Tajikistan (Tajikvnesh-Econombank) and the State Bank of India on 15th February, '93 in New Delhi.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The agreement mentioned at (b) (i) aims an facilitating cooperation in the exchange of technical knowledge and skills. One nominee from Tajikistan has received training in foreign trade and three nominees are to receive training in hotel management under ITEC Programme; the Govt. has offered upto 10 slots in areas such as diplomacy, foreign trade, hotel management, banking and journalism. Pursuant to the agreement mentioned at (b) (ii) above the Indian draft programme of cooperation is under consideration of the Government of Tajikistan. The agreement at (b) (iii) aims at the development of trade and commercial relations with Tajikistan. The Government is making efforts on on-going basis for promotion of trade including, inter alia, promotion of counter trade, joint venture and mutual investment, extension of Government credit line of US $ 5 million, encouragement of direct business level contacts and extension of technical assistance in areas such as trade, marketing, management, banking and training of personnel. The agreement at (b) (iv) provides for establishment of correspondent relations between the State Bank of India and Tajik signatory bank, exchange and training of banking specialists. The State Bank of India has also entered into agency agreements with the national bank of the Republic of Tajiki-